

# Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 10, 2022





**COC Grads are Doing Amazing Things!**



# Former COC Student Wins Excellence Award

**Elizabeth Lopez**, a former COC student who transferred last year to UC Santa Barbara recently won the ***Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence***, the university's highest honor!

- Elizabeth, a first-generation college student, was recognized last June for her scholarly excellence and positive contributions to the campus community at UC Santa Barbara, where she promoted better access for underrepresented groups in math and science.
- Her pursuit of challenging academic goals, her persistence through adversity and her dedication to fostering opportunities for others are what led to her selection for the university's highest honor.





# COC Graduate Featured on ABC7!

ABC7 News recently aired an inspirational feature on 2022 graduate **Sarah Zamudio** highlighting her determination and tenacity in pursuing three degrees under very challenging conditions.

- In the fall, Zamudio plans on transferring to a University to study art and continue running at the four-year level. She hopes to become a college counselor and art professor.
- We are so very proud of you, Sarah!





# Graduate Advocates for Foster Youth

This summer, former COC Political Science and Paralegal Studies graduate **April Barcus** is doing a nine-week **Foster Youth Internship** with the **Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI)** in Washington, D.C.

- During her internship, April has had the opportunity to work for U.S. House Majority Leader **Steny Hoyer** (D-Md.), meet Sen. **Amy Klobuchar** (D-Minn.) and hear Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi** (D-Calif.) address an audience from several feet away.
- Amy is currently writing a policy report about the correlation between disability and foster care, with recommendations on how Congress, the Biden Administration and the private sector can help improve healthcare access and treatment for foster youth with disabilities.
- ***Way to go April!***







# What's New On And Around our Campuses



# HASP Team Prepares for Launch

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Aerospace & Sciences Team members working on NASA's *High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP)* project invited me to sign the artwork that will accompany the payload.

- Project testing was conducted July 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, with the launch scheduled on **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Eight students participated.
- The HASP mission is just one of multiple projects team members have worked on this summer:
  - **RockSatX** – Conducting Pre-flight procedures and launch for the RockSatX mission extending through **Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Five students are participating.
  - **RockOn** – The RockOn rocket launched from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia with two student-designed payloads on June 24<sup>th</sup>.





# Modernization Project Approved



The **California Department of Finance** has given College of the Canyons the green light to move forward with the construction contract to modernize Boykin Hall.

- The July 8<sup>th</sup> approval of the first of two bid awards releases **\$13,383,361 in construction funds – \$4,332,000 in state funds and \$9,051,361 in local funds** – to modernize the college's first science building.
- Construction will begin after hazardous materials are removed from the building; the removal process began on July 11<sup>th</sup>.





# Accelerated TK Credential Pathway



College of the Canyons' new accelerated **Transitional Kindergarten (TK)** credential pathway for teachers launched on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, to address an anticipated increase in demand.

- This one-time pathway was created due to a request from the local school districts. The state is implementing Universal Transitional Kindergarten, resulting in a huge increase in demand for TK teachers.
- Each of the pathway's nine courses will be offered in five-week, fully online formats through next spring.



# Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs

During the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> incoming 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students considering careers in manufacturing participated in the ***Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Metal Mania II*** summer camp at the Valencia campus.

- Students cut, drilled, shaped, and welded using the Welding Technology Department's state-of-the-art equipment.
- The next camp, ***Metal Mania for Girls II***, was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.
- For more info about the event, go to:  
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/communityeducation/careercamps/nuts.php>





# CalWORKS Welcomes Students



CalWORKS held a *Lunch & Learn* event in the Culinary Arts Cafe on **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** to welcome students back to campus.

- The event served as an introduction of the CalWORKS team and overview of the program, and included case management updates, counseling information, and department and student presentations.





# Pre-Apprenticeship Program

COC is partnering with the **Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (SWRCC)** to create a pathway to a Registered Apprenticeship program with their union.

- On **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** we hosted an “Open House” event at the Carpenters Training Center for the community to learn about the program and had over **70** people attend!
- The Pre-Apprenticeship will launch in Fall 2022.





# Ready to Work Academy Graduation

**10** special needs students from the *Ready To Work Academy* at College of the Canyons participated in a graduation ceremony held in the Dianne G Van Hook University Center on **Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

- The students were honored for completing the **15-week** program, and received *Certificates of Completion* from **John Milburn**, interim VP of Workforce and Economic Advancement and **Camryn Gelfo**, program coordinator for Carousel Ranch.
- They were also presented with special certificates from **Supervisor Kathryn Barger**'s office and were congratulated by Supervisor Barger's Assistant Field Deputy, **Natalie Vartanian**.
- Local business partners who participated in the program included *Holiday Inn Express*, *Starbucks*, *Bluemark*, *AMS Fulfillment* and the COC Warehouse





# Bee Research Presented



College of the Canyons hosted the final workshop of its **Campus as a Living Lab (CALL)** initiative on **Sunday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** to study native bee biodiversity.

- **11** faculty members and **23** students from **9** community colleges participated in the daylong program, which included presentations by students and researchers.
- Funded by the **National Science Foundation**, the project was designed to involve underrepresented students in *undergraduate research*, *develop a database* of native bees on community college campuses, and develop *habitat-enrichment plans* to increase native bee biodiversity.



# Canyon Country Campus Update

## Campus Highlights:

The Fall Schedule includes approx. **65 classes in the Takeda Science Center** and 140+ classes in 27 disciplines.

- **CCC-specific Program Maps** are available online for students thanks to the great work of Counselor Liz Shaker as prior Guided Pathways Liaison. These resources provide details on more than 20 degree and 13 cert pathways.
- **Cougar Fest** (Welcome Week) will include a student-focused event at the Takeda Science Center on 9/1 through Campus Life, Student Engagement.
- **Fall 2022 Science Talks** are planned for 10/21 and 11/4 through great coordination by Anthony Michaelides...and stay tuned for more info on 15th anniversary celebrations to be infused in events throughout the year!



CCC Lower Plaza / Recent CalWORKs Meeting w/ Graciela Martinez







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# Grants Update

**CANYONS HALL**  
CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





# COC Partners in Energy Grant

College of the Canyons is one of five community colleges across the nation partnering in a **\$7.5 million *National Science Foundation*** grant that was awarded to Madison Area Technical College.

- Over the next **five** years, the consortium of colleges will form the **CREATE National Energy Center** – the only one of its kind in the country – to build a skilled workforce, improve gender equity, expand education/industry partnerships, and help transform energy industries.
- COC is honored to be the ***only California community college*** that is taking part in this groundbreaking energy initiative.





# Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Equipment Grant

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank offered a one-time grant to local food bank entities to purchase equipment necessary to operate a food bank. **Sarah Cox**, the Director of the **BaNC** applied for and received **\$19,534** worth of equipment for the BaNC!

➤ This award will enable the BaNC to purchase the following much needed equipment:

- 2 Heavy Duty Wire Carts (800 lbs)
- 2 Platform Trucks (4,000 lbs)
- 3 Wire Shelving (3,200 lbs)
- 1 Two-Door Refrigerator
- 1 Glass Two-Door Refrigerator
- 1 Two-Door Freezer





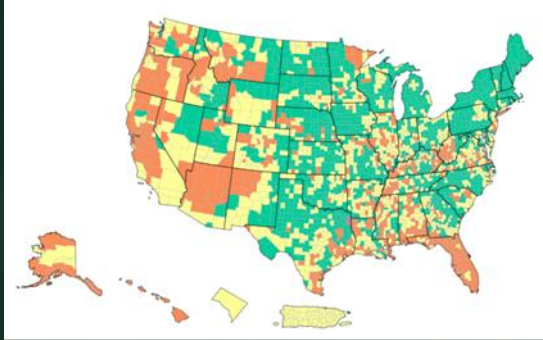


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# COVID 19 Update



# Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights



- **National COVID-19 community levels** are medium-to-high according to the CDC.
  - 46% of counties are in the “high” transmission level, 35% are “medium,” and 19% are “low.”
  - LA County is in the “**high**” transmission category as of 8/3, although anticipated to return to “medium” soon based on trends.
- **Statewide**, there are **40.7 cases per 100k** with a **14.5% positivity** rate as of 8/3, increased from 39.9 cases per 100k and decreased from a 15.0% positivity rate as of 6/2.
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **49.9 cases per 100K** and a **12.6% positivity** rate as of 8/2, increased from 44.3 cases per 100K and a 12.5% positivity rate as of 7/6.
- **LA County DPH** held off on issuing a new Health Order, staying with the current order issued 4/21. COVID-19 metrics are **generally improving** with an 11% decrease in weekly average new cases and a slight decline in positivity rate and hospitalizations (8/2).
- **The College** follows the latest developments and maintains an updated **COVID-19 Containment, Response, and Control Plan** online (6/24).





# COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Notification

COVID-19 Testing is available at *both campuses*.

- **Valencia:** Monday – Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm: **HSLH-137**  
Monday – Saturday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm: **Parking Structure**
- **Canyon Country:** Tuesday and Wednesday 8 am to 4:30 pm: **Quad-1B**
- **At-Home Tests** are available for staff to pick up at **HSLH-137** or **CCC-1B**
- **Vaccination** is available at locations listed at **VaccinateLACounty.com**

COVID-19 contacts/exposures are notified within 24 hours.

- The College community is notified weekly through a link on the Monday Report which connects to PIO's COVID-19 page:  
**[www.canyons.edu/news](http://www.canyons.edu/news)**

Month	Reported Cases on Campus	Exposures on Campus
August 2022	4	11*
July 2022	67	286*
June 2022	48	316*
May 2022	121	1,684*
April 2022	29	436*
March 2022	11	7
February 2022	22	64
January 2022	44	27

- DPH broadened who is considered a “close contact” exposure of someone confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Effective April 15, **this revision significantly expanded the number of people considered to be exposed, and changed how the College reports COVID-19 exposures.**







# Welcome Day is back!



This **Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** COC will be hosting **Welcome Day** for all students and potential students from **9am to 1pm** in the **Honor Grove** at the Valencia Campus.

- We will be offering workshops, tables, and campus tours.
- This event is an opportunity for our new students to get connected with the campus, learn more about campus resources, tour the campus so they can find their classes and be welcomed to the new semester.
- Additionally, this is an opportunity for interested students to learn about COC and get enrolled for the fall!



# Upcoming Events

- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Online Instructor Retreat
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup> *Fall FLEX Week*  
Check your email for the latest information
- Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – *Employee Service Award Luncheon for 5 & 10 years*  
UCEN Lobby – 12:00-2:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - *Employee Service Award Luncheon for 15+ years*  
UCEN Lobby – 12:00-2:30 pm
- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – *Convocation*  
Via Zoom – 8:00-11:30 am
- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – *Opening Day*  
11:30 am-2:00 pm





# The Fall Semester Is Almost Here!



The **fall 2022** semester starts **Monday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>** with more than **1,840** sections of high demand “core” classes in a wide range of academic subjects and disciplines, as well as noncredit offerings.

- The semester offers classes most students need to graduate or transfer.
- More than 150 sections of no-cost classes will also be offered during the summer through the School of Personal and Professional Learning.



# Foundation Golf Tourney Returns



Registration is open for the College of the Canyons Foundation's ***Swing for Student Success Golf Tournament***, scheduled **Monday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>** at The Oaks Country Club.

For registration information, go to the Foundation website.



# Economic Outlook Coming to PAC



The **2022 Economic Outlook** for the Santa Clarita Valley will be held **Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Performing Arts Center.

- Business leaders will discuss corporate resilience and innovation in the face of unique challenges, and economist Mark Schniepp will release the full forecast.
- The event is scheduled 8 to 11 a.m.
- For more information, go to: <https://www.scvedc.org/outlook>



# Friday Night Films Are Back

The **Friday Night Film Festival** returns this fall, with the first double-feature scheduled **Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

- Films are free, open to the public, and presented in Hasley Hall 101.
- Attendees are asked to wear face masks to protect the health and safety of all.
- Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>:
  - *Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom* @4pm
  - *Drive My Car* @ 6:30pm

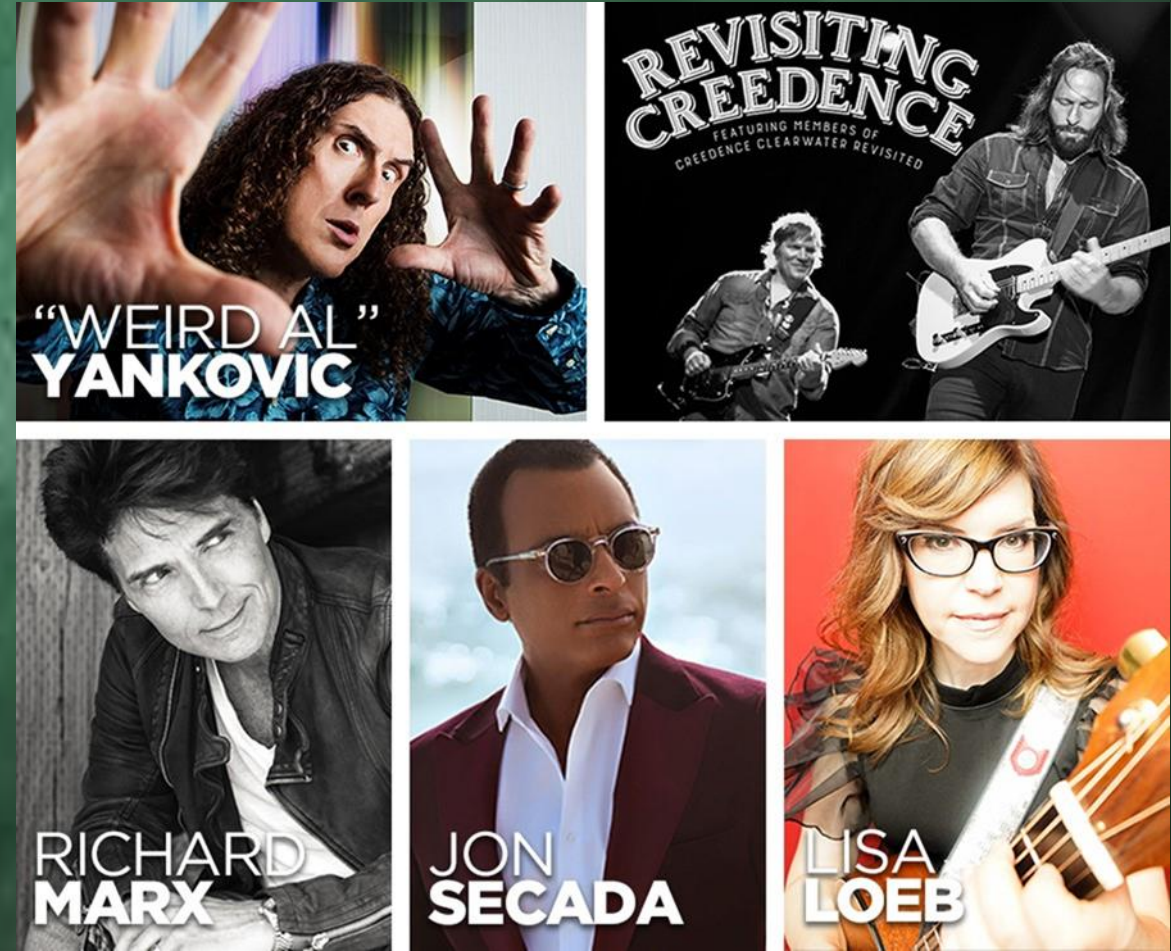




# 2022/23 PAC Season

Grab your tickets for the **Performing Arts Center's 2022/23 Season**, which kicks off Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> with "**Weird Al**" Yankovic and special guest Emo Phillips.

- The season also features performances by *The Doo Wop Project* (Oct. 1), *Revisiting Creedence* (Nov. 4), **Richard Marx** (Jan. 13), *Naturally 7* (Feb. 10), *Jon Secada* (April 1), *Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience* (May 21), and *Lisa Loeb* (June 3).
- For a complete listing go to: <https://pac.canyons.edu/shows/>





# Save the Date: EMT Celebration



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the ***Emergency Medical Technician*** Program's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.

- The celebration is planned 9 to 11 a.m. at the Valencia campus.
- Additional details will be announced soon.



A vibrant photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a wide, paved pedestrian path is filled with students walking in various directions. Some are carrying backpacks, and others are in casual summer attire. To the left of the path is a well-maintained green lawn. A black lamppost stands near the path, with a colorful banner hanging from it that partially reads "Be". In the background, a modern, multi-story university building with large windows and a flat roof is visible. The scene is set on a sunny day with bright light and some shadows cast on the path. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, active academic environment.

# Let the Semester Begin!